(a) whether Government are aware that Aurangzeb was the most controversial and divisive emperor of India, whereas his elder brother, Dara Shikoh, was the finest example of national unity and integrity; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider renaming Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi, as Dara Shikoh Road, to promote national unity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that there is no such proposal under their consideration at this stage.

TADA case against Calcutta Don

5713. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the relaease of Calcutta don Rashid, villian of last year's mega-explosion in Calcutta;

(b) whether the failure of the TADA case against him was due to faulty investigation and prosecution;

(c) whether Rashid's diary mentioned names of IPS and other Police officers close to him; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken, or is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) According to information furnished by the State Government of West Bengal, Rashid has not been released.

(b) No, Sir. The Single Bench of the Calcutta High Court has passed an order that the ingredients of the case does not justify his prosecution under TADA.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Criminal Justice system and Sentencing practices

5714. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a fresh look at the country's criminal justice system and sentencing practices in view of the mounting crime rate and unmanageable prison population as per the suggestions given by the Chief Justice of India as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 4th March, 1994 captioned "CJsuggest fresh look criminal justice has 'failed' in the country";

(b) if so, the main reasons for overcrowding in prisons and the steps taken on the need for more humanitarian approach towards prisoners instead of following the old prison laws gramed by the British; and

(c) what is the practice in U.S.A., U.K. etc. in tackling similar problems and whether Government took any concrete steps on the recommendations made by the Mulla Committee long ago on "measures for affecting reforms and changing prison laws" etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Though "Prisons" is a State subject, Government of India takes administrative as well as legislative measures from time to time to bring about necessary reforms in the administration of criminal justice system including prison administrations since it is deeply concerned with the increasing crime rate and prison population. Emphasis is laid on treating jails as correctional centres for reformation and rehabilitation of prisoners in line with international practices.

Increase in population and crime rate, near static number of jails and large number of undertrial prisoners are the main reasons of overcrowding in the jails.

Though most of the recommendations made by All India Jail Reforms Committee headed by Justice A.N. Mullah (Retd) in 1983 pertain to the State Governments, financial assistance has been released by Government of India from time to time for meeting its obligations arising out of the recommendations in the above report. Financial assistance has been provided for strengthening security arrangements, training of prison staff for making them adopt more humane approach towards prisoners, vocational training of prisoners, provision of medical and psychiatric services etc.

Overstaying by foreign Nationals

5715. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign nationals who visited India with valid travel documents during each of the last three years and the current year so far, nationality-wise;

(b) the number of persons out of them who have returned and the number of persons who are overstaying at present, nationality-wise;

(c) the action taken against the persons overstaying; and

(d) the steps taken to check such cases and deport them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A statement is attached as Annexure [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 115].

(b) and (c) As most of the foreigners enter into India on the basis of multiple entry visas and they can enter and leave India as many times as they desire during the validity of their visas, it is not possible to give data regarding foreigners who have returned to their countries out of those who entered India in a particular year.

(d) Instructions have been issued to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport foreigners who are overstaying in India without valid travel documents.

Dual citizenship for NRIs

5716. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) why the Government of India is opposed to Dual Citizenship for N. R. Is, ; and

(b) which countries grant dual citizenship to persons belonging to those countries but residing abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Government of India is opposed to dual citizenship as the Constitution of India and the Citizenship Act, 1955 does not recognise the concept of dual citizenship.

(b) List of countries permitting Dual Citizenship.

1. Angola
2. Argentina
3. Bangladesh
4. Belgium
5. Cuba
6. Canada
7. Cyprus
8. Colombia
9. Cambodia